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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG ET AL.

Examiner

Nathan M. Nutter

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 07-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Interpretations

Claim 14 recites for “b) a thermoplastic polymer and/or additives.” this is being interpreted that, if there are additives, the thermoplastic polymer recited here is not necessarily included. The choices would be one of either 1) a thermoplastic polymer, 2) additive(s), or 3) both. As such, the recitations of claims 19-21 are deemed to be met in any reference that may include any additive(s) as opposed to a thermoplastic polymer for “b).”

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 19 recites the inclusion of a thermoplastic polymer as a Markush grouping, without using proper alternative Markush language.

Further, it is not clear which thermoplastic polymer either the polymer designated as (f), part of a) or that which may or may not be present as included with “b).”

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the “right to exclude” granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct

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from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 14, 15 and 17-25 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/491,569. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the process of the copending application, as claimed, includes the identical steps and components as herein recited and claimed.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 14, 15 and 17-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dozeman et al (US 2005/0085591), newly cited

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

The process and constituents are shown in the Abstract, paragraphs [0016]-[0017], [0020]-[0024] and [0026]-[0028].

Claims 14 and 16-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Braga et al (US 5,066,700), cited by applicants.

Note the Abstract, column 6 (lines 4-44) and the many Examples.

Claims 14-17, 19-21, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Horrion (US 5,589,544), cited by applicants.

Note column 2 (lines 28-53), column 2 (line 63) to column 6 (line 58), column 7 (line 28) to column 8 (line 38) and the Examples beginning at column 9.

Claims 14 and 17-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Fischer (US 3,862,106), newly cited.

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Note the Abstract, column 4 (lines 49-55), column 7 (lines 7 et seq.) and the Examples and Tables.

Claims 14 and 17-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Sezaki et al (US 5,081,179), newly cited.

Note the Abstract, column 2 (line 54) to column 3 (line 9), column 3 (lines 30-40), column 3 (line 43) to column 5 (line 10), column 10 (lines 38-63), Tables 1 through 3 and the Examples.

Claims 14, 15 and 17-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Hamanaka et al (US 5,187,224), newly cited.

Note the Abstract, column 2 (line 57) to column 3 (line 15), column 3 (line 65) to column 4 (line 19) column 4 (lines 37-64, column 5 (lines 39 et seq.) and the Examples.

Claims 14, 15, 17-21, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Ikawa et al (US 6,617,383), newly cited.

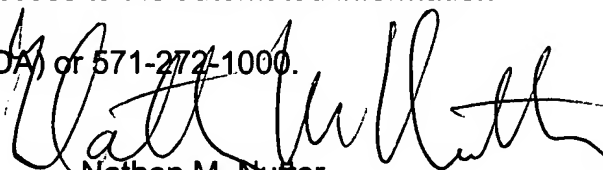
Note the Abstract, column 1 (line 59) to column 2 (line 4), column 2 (line 66) to column 4 (line 65), column 5 (lines 16-54) and Table 1.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan M. Nutter whose telephone number is 571-272-1076. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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